

***City of Groveland***  
**Minutes**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 21, 2016**

The Groveland City Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016 in the E.L. Puryear Building located at 243 S. Lake Avenue. Mayor Tim Loucks called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm with the following members present: Vice Mayor Karen McMican, Council Members Mike Radzik, Dina Sweatt, and John Griffin. City officials present were City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Manager Redmond Jones, Acting City Clerk Lisa Cortese and Sergeant-at-Arms Chief M. Smith Tennyson.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Mike Radzik and the Invocation given by Vice Mayor Karen McMican.

**Guest Speaker, Presentations and Proclamations**

1. Proclamation – Anti-Bullying Proclamation
2. CRA Annual Report – Rodney Lucas, CRA Liaison
3. Economic Development Report – Rodney Lucas, Economic Development Manager

**REPORTS**

**a. Council Members**

- Council Member Mike Radzik attended the IEMO III class at FLC University on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. On March 21<sup>st</sup> he completed a class on sexual harassment and violence in the workplace given by Red Vector, and forwarded the information to Christie Higdon/HR Manager for the City of Groveland as a possible training option/suggestion for city employees. On March 8<sup>th</sup> Mr. Radzik attended the Recreation Advisory Committee meeting and expressed his displeasure with the presentation done by IPSA. He indicated that the presentation that was brought before the CRA Board was different than the one presented to the RAC.

*Mr. Radzik asked for a motion to disqualify IPSA and use CFC as the organization based on a conflicting presentation and misinformation presented at the March 8<sup>th</sup> RAC meeting Mayor Loucks asked the City Attorney if it was appropriate for a motion to be brought at this time. The city attorney advised that due to the Council not having heard from the CRA Board regarding this it may be wiser to wait and have a scheduled agenda item for the CRA Board.*

*No second was given.*

- Council Member Dina Sweatt attended the Florida Redevelopment Meeting at FLC on March 10<sup>th</sup>. On March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Sweatt attended the IEMO III class at FLC University. On March 21<sup>st</sup> she assisted Cherry Lake Tree Farm with their delivery of plants and trees for the Keep Lake Beautiful project at Groveland Elementary. Mrs. Sweatt will return tomorrow, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to plant the donated trees and plants and invited anyone who would like to also attend and volunteer their time.
- Vice Mayor Karen McMican attended a breakfast at the Living Well Fitness Center in South lake Hospital on March 16<sup>th</sup> a presentation was given presenting long range goals and future development for the hospital.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> Vice Mayor McMican attended a breakfast at the South Lake Chamber of Commerce. Following the breakfast, she met with the City Manager to discuss the upcoming “State of the City” at Trilogy scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>. Vice Mayor McMican invited the public to the “State of the City” Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at the Magnolia House Trilogy.

- Council Member John Griffin asked Council to not ask his nurse questions with regards to how many times and/or days she comes to Mr. Griffins house and attends to him. He asked to please refrain from doing this.
- Mayor Tim Loucks attended the RAC meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Loucks invited the public to the “State of the City” on March 25<sup>th</sup> and gave a brief description of the agenda. Mayor Loucks attended the Lake County Commissioners meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> for a presentation for the Groveland Four Proclamation. Mayor Loucks and Commissioner Parks plan to meet with Governor Scott asking to pardon the men. On April 1<sup>th</sup> he will be attending a Heritage Festival in Leesburg. Mayor Loucks wanted to discuss a concern regarding a rumor that was brought to his attention. This was concerning an employee that was dismissed from the City while on probation for a sexual harassment complaint. The employee was rehired a few weeks later and the message the Mayor received was that the City Manager rehired the employee and that the employee was a relative of an owner of a company that Mr. Jones wife applied for employment. The Mayor explained that he had spoken with Mr. Jones regarding these allegations and that he would be bringing the issue up at tonight’s Council meeting.

Mr. Jones responded to these allegations explaining that there was no complaint, but that an inappropriate advance in the form of letter was given to a supervisor. At that time there was no warning and/or coaching given to the employee prior to the termination. He explained that every employee has the right to appeal in which this employee did.

**b. City Manager**

City Manager, Redmond Jones gave his written report and updates.

**c. City Attorney**

City Attorney, Anita Geraci-Carver updated the Council regarding the sale to West Villas LLC for the 30-acre site on Wilson Lake Parkway, the Council had agreed to extend the due diligence period which ended on March 10<sup>th</sup> she indicated they had submitted the remainder of the additional escrow deposit and she has placed in her trust account. They have decided to move forward with this project in which she asked for an update from them on submitting their approval application. Currently she is waiting for a response from their attorney.

**d. Citizen Advisory Committee**

Chairman George Rosario expressed his appreciation of the hard work of the Recreation Advisory Board. He reported that the annual report has been submitted.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes 03-07-2016**

*Council Member Dina Sweatt moved to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Karen McMican.  
The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

### **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes 02-23-2016**

*Council Member John Griffin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Dina Sweatt.  
The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Ordinance 2016-01-05 Preserve at Sunrise PUD – Second Reading**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Council Member John Griffin.  
The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

### **2. Ordinance 2016-03-07 Vacation of Right of Way - Second Reading**

*Council Member Dina Sweatt moved to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Karen McMican.  
The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

### **3. Ordinance 2015-11-31 Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Second Reading**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Dina Sweatt.  
The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. Approve Addendum to Contract Between City and Alpha Inspections**

*Council Member Dina Sweatt moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mike Radzik.  
The motion was approved with Council Members Sweatt, Radzik, Griffin and Mayor Loucks voting aye. Vice Mayor McMican voted nay.*

### **5. Approve Continuing Service Agreement with SMW GeoSciences, Inc.**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Council Member John Griffin.  
The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

### **6. Approve RAC Recommendation Re: Gaffney Park Parking Lot**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Dina Sweatt.  
The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**7. Approve Request for Transfer of Agreement Between City and Grindrod Development LLC Re: Code Enforcement of 824/826 Broad Street**

*No action taken. Direction was given to the City Attorney.*

**8. Approve Resolution 2016-03-04: Amend Resolution R87-04-04**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Dina Sweatt.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

*Council Member John Griffin left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.*

**9. Approve Resolution 2016-03-05: Accepting Proposal of CenterState Bank**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Dina Sweatt.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**10. Approve Resolution 2016-03-06: Groveland Four**

*Vice Mayor Karen McMican moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mike Radzik.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**11. Authorization to enter into Five Year Agreement with SunGuard Public Sector for TrackiT**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Dina Sweatt.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

*Mayor Tim Loucks called a ten-minute break at 9:20 p.m.*

*Mayor Tim Loucks resumed the Council meeting at 9:35 p.m.*

**12. Discuss Placing Logo on Pomelo Water Tower and Sunshine Ground Storage Tank**

*Council Member Dina Sweatt moved to approve staff to proceed with placing logos on the Sunshine Ground Storage tank and the elevated water storage tank at JT Memorial Park; seconded by Council Member Mike Radzik.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**13. Ordinance 2016-03-08 Restrict Council from Taking Action on Matters Brought Forward During Public Comment**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Vice Mayor Karen McMican. Council Member Mike Radzik and Vice Mayor Karen McMican amended their motion to include in ordinance, to restrict Council from taking action on matters brought forward during public comment, announcements and City Council reports.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

*Consensus from Council to bring back a Resolution establishing an agenda review process with staff and Council in the form of a special meeting to be held on the Thursday before the regularly scheduled council meeting.*

**14. Approve Award of Audit Services McDirmit Davis**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Dina Sweatt.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**15. Approve Agreement Between Mohamed Hassan and the City of Groveland**

*Council Member Mike Radzik moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Dina Sweatt. Both members agreed to amend their motion to include a non-transferable clause and an extension for 18 months' verses 15 months to bring property into compliance.*

*The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor Tim Loucks adjourned the meeting at 10:55pm.*

Attest:



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Tim Loucks, Mayor

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Lisa Cortese, Acting City Clerk